FOUL PLAY THEORY OF WOMAN'S DEATH

Many, Believe That Mrs. Williamson Was Murdered with Poisoned Meal.

AUTHORITIES TAKE THE CASE

State Chemist Will Probably Be Asked to Make an-Analysis.

> The Times-Dispatch Bureau, . 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., June 15.

Petersburg, Va., June 15. Indications to-day point to some carand interesting developments in the use of Mrs. Parmelia Williamson, the use of Mrs. Parmelia Williamson, the use will of poison. Mrs. Williamson as the daughter of John Kiersey, of the testerfield county, who, believing at his daughter was maliciously itsoned, has not let the matter rest, it has been constant in his investition of all circumstances bearing on reath. The first belief was that e was the victim of accidental omaine or vegetable poisoning, caused cating cabbase. This theory seems have been thoroughly exploded, and its place has arisen the belief that e was intentionally, poisoned by eatg bread made of meal in which is on had been mysterlously mixed, is said that some of this meal was terwards fed to chickens, causing bir death, and that an analysis of the al showed the presence of arsenical ison. It is further reported that the mptoms of the unfortunate woman her fatal illness were those of arsenial illness were those of arsenial poison. The authorities have sen the case in hand, and the probility is that the woman's stomach il be, sent to the State chemist for imination. ions to-day point to some car

There are as yet many mysterious and unexplainable circumstances connected with the sad fate of the unfortunate young woman, which may be cleared up by the investigation now in progress. Her infant child, for whose sake she wanted to live, it is said, has been placed in the custody of a relative in Richmond.

Coroner William H. Taylor, of Richmond, was consulted yesterday relative to an examination of the body. No agreement was reached, but it is probable that the Richmond official will be called into the case. His statement is that if death was due to arsenic poisoning the fact can easily be established by chemical analysis.

Personal Intelligence.

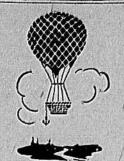
Miss Epec Collier Kevan, an attractive young member of society, was quietly married at 10 o'clock this morning to William P. Johnson, cashier of the People's Savings Bank, and one of our most worthy and respected young sitizens. The wedding was celebrated



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most daily with a greater of the State, are here.

Edward Stewart, the colored boy, who jumped from a running electric car on the Washington Street line night before last, is lying in the hospital with a fractured skull.

Death in Dinwiddle.

Mrs. Martha W. Ragsdale, wife of Richard E. Ragsdale, died yesterday afternoon at her home in Dinwiddle county, after a long iliness. Besides her husband she is survived by one son and one daughter—W. D. Ragsdale, both of Dinwiddle.

The commencement exercises of St. Joseph's Academy took place this afternoon, with a large attendance of parents and friends of the pupils and program of exer-

"CLEAR OF HIS WIFE."

Husband Thought Himself Free, but
Went to Prison.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH. N. C., June 15.—Because,
an employer, said to be prominent in
the county, had duped him into working six months for a bogus paper getting him "clear of his wife," and on
the strength of which he married
again, Governor Kitchin commutes to
ona year the three years' sentence of
William Driver, of Wilson county. The
Governor finds that Driver is simpleminded and was imposed upon.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Metal Water-Tank Topples Over on Child.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STAUNTON, VA., June 15.—A metal water-tank, standing between two trees at the home of Samuel Gardner, of this city, fell over to-day, killing his little son, Samuel, five-years-old, who was caught under it. The boy and a little brother were playing about the tank, and in some way caused it to topple over, Death was instantaneous.

ELLIS ORATOR AT ALUMNI MEETING

Assistant Attorney-General Talks of Growth of National

Unity.

TRIBUTE TO LEE AND LINCOLN

Commencement Exercises in Progress at William and Mary and the University.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LEXINGTON, VA., June 15.—Hon.
Wade Hampton Ellis, L.L. B., of Ohio. Assistant Attorney-General of the

Attorney Norman H. Johnston introduced the speakers to the convention, and the following delivered addresses of the presence of many friends. The bride was unattended by maids, and Joseph E. Venatle served as the bridegroom's best man. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson subsequently left for the North on their bridal trip.

Professor Arthur Kyle Davis, president of the Southern Female College, left last night for Hollins Institute, where he is to preside over the third annual meetins of the Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls, in session there.

John Arthur Johnston yesterday entered on his duties as assistant post master in this city, to which position he was recently appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Booth and family left last evening for Virginia Beach to spend the summer.

Miss Mary Burroughs Pugh, of Richmond, is visiting Petersburg as the guest of Miss Dorothy Brooks Pleas ans.

General Nevs.

A surprising lack of interest is shown in Petersburg, and indeed in this section. It the gubernatorial contest. One scacety hears the subject mention of the president of the convention, and the following delivered addresses to the convention, and the following delivered addresses on the convention and the following delivered as the relation of Charlotte, both and the professor archur Kyle Davis and the following delivered addresses on the convention of Charlotte, son their country. May we, who are provided the professor archur kyle of the city; Judge J. B. Leigh for the convention on their country. May we, who are on their country. May we, who are of the Carlotte, and the professor archur kyle on the provided th

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As to the experimental package of poslam, it can be had free of charge by mail of the Emerkency Laboratories, 32 West Twenty-fifth Street, New York, it alone is sufficient to clear the complexion overnight, and to rid the face of pimples in twenty-four hours.

lins Institute. The first session of this meeting was held to-night in the Cocke Memorial Hall. Miss Mattle Cocke, the president of Hollins Insti-

One Hundred Merchants Attend
Annual Convention in Elizabeth City.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., June 15.—
The seventh annual convention of retail merchants of North Carolina convented in Elks' Hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock. President Archibald Nichols opened the convention, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Bundy, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Attorney Norman H. Johnston introduced the speakers to the convention, and the month of the sevention and the set ablishment at this old historiog welcome: Mayor Fearing, in behalf of the city: Judge J. B. Leigh for the immersial as we love him in the united saw length of the whole people. You love him in Virginia as we love him in Ohlo. He would have no man to represent his administration in any community. North or South East or West, who does not have the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

"What an inspiring secene it was the other day when the veteran Henry Waterson, who had followed with loyal heart the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the fortunes of the Confederacy, stood up in a Southern State in the f neyhough, second vice-president, and F. B. Wilson was re-elected general

TOANO COMMENCEMENT.

The audience was plainly divided as to which side should have the decision, but the judges awarded it to the negative after being in consultation some minutes.

The music recital on the same night showed the gratifying progress made in this department during the past year.

Principal H. M. McManaway announced that as none had taken the fourth year class work there were no graunates, but there was a class of seven who had flatished the work in the grammar school and who were entitled to entrance to the High School. He then introduced Superintendent P. T. Cowles, who presented certificates to the following: Carriel Taylor, Minerva Walker, Ruth Martin, Margaret James, Ellen Elton, George Hockaday and Judson McManaway.

Announcement was made that the pressure and Assistant, Miss Dorothy Rogers; Second Assistant, Miss Dorothy Rogers; Second Assistant, Miss Ruby Tyree; Third Assistant, Miss Mu Wills Bacoff; Primary Teacher, Miss Mt. Louise Dickenson.

BUSY DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

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Congressman Jones Presides Over Alumni Meeting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., June 15.—
To-day was a busy one in the commencement calendar at the University of Virginia. The business meeting of the General Alumni Association held this morning was presided over by its president, Congressman William A. Jones, of Warsaw. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the alumni luncheon took place at the university commons. Henry G. Kent, of St. Louis, welcomed the young alumni into the association. Henry A. Johnston, of Norfolk, a graduate of this year's law class, responded in behalf of the graduates. Professor Gaetano Lanza, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and formerly assistant professor of mathematics in the University of Virginia, brought greetings from New England alumni. President Aledrman made one of his characteristic addresses.

To-night the lawn was brilliantly illuminted, and the latre crowd enjoyed the concert given by the Fifth Ragiment of Baltimore. At 8:30 c'clock an alumni subscription dinner was given at the university commons, under the management of the Colonnade Club.

teaching during the last thirty years, and he held that there is a need in this country for the application of those methods to every-day life prob-

CONDITIONS ARE GRAVE.

Crops Ruined by Wet Weather and Health Imperilled.

Gead from overmuch water.

Case Goes Over.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 15.—Announcement was made this morning by Commonwealths Attorney Samuel G. Brent that the case of the Commonwealth against Henry Smith, the negro who turned State's evidence, will not be tried until the court has decided upon the arguments for a new trial in the cases of the three other negroes already convicted of the murder of Walter F. Chults. The latter will be done at the June term of the Corporation Court, which will convene Monday next.

Further Trouble Feared.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PREELING, VA., June 15.—Creed
Sowards, the man who shot and killed
Wilbur Eikins on Shelby Creek, and
who was stabbed by him, has since
died It has developed that the trouble arose through jealousy on the part
of Sowards, whose wife had in his
presence that day referred to Elkins
as her "fellow." Feeling is high in
that neighbothood, and further trouble is ferred. ble is fcared.

Lamb Takes Charge. Lamb Takes Charge.

NORFOLK, VA., June 15.—E. T.
Lamb to-day became general manager
for the receivers of the Norfolk and
Southern Railway, being succeeded as
general agent here for the Southern
Railway, Piedmont Air Line and the
Chesapeake Steamship Company by C.
L. Candler, of Atlanta, Ga., and as
superintendent of the Norfolk division
of the Southern Railway by J. S. Bergoman. Mr. Lamb is to become president
of the Norfolk and Southern following
its reorganization and the termination
of the present receivership.

Prizes for Corn.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., June 15.—

At the coming agricultural fair of the Rappahaneock Valley to be held in this city, \$125 will be offered as prizes for seed corn, as follows: For white corn, first prize, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$15; fourth, \$10 and the fifth, \$5. For yellow corn, first prize, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5. The money for these prizes was contributed by a few of the business men of Fredericksburg, The corn will be judged by an expert.

Acquitted of Killing

day, before Justice of the Peace P. F Dillon, and he was, acquitted of al

charges.

Mr. Morris regrets the killing, and it was purely a case of self-defense, as was decreed by the court.

Called Home by Illness.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, VA. June 15.—During the session of the Portsmouth District Methodist Conference at Franklin today Rev. R. M. Chandler, presiding elder, was called home because of sickness in his family, and Rev. Mr. Spooner, scheduled for 'a sermon tonight, did not preach because of his wife's illness. Rev. J. Sydney Peters, of Richmond, made an address to-day, and routine matters were handled.

Goes to Wilmington,
ROANOKE, VA., June 15.—The Rev
William H. Milton, D. D., rector of St.
John's Episcopal Church, this city, has
accepted a call to the pastorate of St.
James Episcopal Church, Wilmington,
N. C. Dr. Milton is one of the most
prominent ministers in his denomination.

and Captain John H. Wright for trial justice.

DEATH ROLL LONG,

Railroad Engineers Hold Memorial Exer-cises in Spencer,

Railroad Engineers Held Memorial Exercises in Spencer,

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPENCER, N. C., June 15.—The annual memorial exercises, held in Spence Methodist Church Sunday afternoon by Old Dominion Division, No. 875, B. of L. E., were largely attended by members and friends of the brotherhood and by the citizens of Spencer. The division marched from their lodge hall to the church in a body, accompanied by the C. I. A. to the brotherhood. The memorial address was delivered by the Rev. R. D. Sherill,

An inteesting feature of the exercises was the address by First Assistant Engineer C. B. Reynolds, who called the roll of the dead. It was found that twenty-one of the members have been killed or have died. The names of the dead engineers were displayed on banners in the church, as were also the names of P. M. Arthur, the founder and first grand chief of the brotherhood, and A. B. Youngston and T. S. Ingram, who served in the same capacity prior to their death.

MUST "SHOW" THE JUDGE.

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Youth Sentenced to Present Himself as Example of Goodness.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.].

RALEIGH, N. C. June t5.—That he must appear in court every sixty days for twelve months and show that he is abstaining from smoking eigarettes and is of good behavior, are conditions of a pardon granted to-day by Governor Kitchin to Jacob Spivey, affeen-year-old youth of Gulfrod county, serving six months for trespass and stealing a baseball mitt.

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North Carolina Charters.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH. N. C., June, 15.—The
Briggs-Shaffner Company, WinstonSalem, for machine-shop and general
construction work, was chartered today, with \$125,000 capital authorized
and \$22,200 subscribed, by W. C.
Briggs, W. F. Shaffner, F. H. Fries,
H. F. Shaffner and H. F. Richter. Another charter is to the Holton Drug
Company, Greensboro, capital \$25,000,
by E. C. Holton, J. P. Bradley and
A. F. Fortune.

Dr. Remsen the Speaker,
SALEM, VA., June 15.—Dr. Ira Romsen, of Johns Hopkins University, to-day delivered the annual address to the literary societies of Rosnoke College, now holding its commencement. Dr. Romsen's them dealt with the advance in the methods of spientific

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Murderer of Isaac Higginbotham Begins His Sentence of Eighteen Years.

LYNCHBURG, VA., June 15.—A guard from the State Penitentiary at of institution, having in charge Ernest

trial, the result of which was set aside by Judge Christian.

Senator Halsey, of counsel for Wade, stated to-day that nothing had been done in the matter of securing a new trial for Wade since the bills of exception were signed by Judge Christion. The petition to the Supreme Court for a rehearing has been prepared, but it has not as yet been presented to the court or to any of its members. This, however, may be done within a year, and Senator Halsey could not say to-day what would be the outcome of the matter.

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Physicians call kidney trouble Ne.

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will include Confederate and civic or-ganizations, the Home Guard, mounted police, citizens and the entire Fire Department/ The exercises at the Methodist Cemetery will conclude with

that place. St. John's without a rector since the Rev. Dallas Tucker, D. D., resigned last fall to go

Virginia,
Dr. L. W. Wilson is in Westmoreland
county, having been called there by
the death of his father, John E. Wil-

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WYTHEVILLE, VA., June 15.—
Proceedings in the Supreme Court of

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